

# What Does Recycling Mean to Me?

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What does recycling mean to me? If you want to look at it in an official way recycling could be exactly what the dictionary says - the act of reusing an unwanted to become another thing. That could be the definition of recycling. However, that is at face value. What recycling TRULY means to me goes a bit deeper.

Recycling. It is only a word. A 9-lettered, 4-syllable word to be more specific, yet it represents so much. To recycle is to actually put in some thought as to where the stuff you throw away goes. It represents hours of work volunteers take out of their time to add just a bit of oxygen into the air. The word itself is nothing. I could write "recycling" a thousand times on a piece of paper, and it'll mean nothing. What recycling represents, what its meaning is to us, and how we put its meaning to use, is more important.

The meaning of recycling to everyone will be the same. The perspective and point of view of recycling for everyone will not be the same. Opinions, experiences, and influences, they all contribute to our view of recycling. To say everyone shares one idea is to be ignorant. What one may think of recycling may be the complete opposite of another. This is why some people do not recycle.

When I think of recycling, I think of thinking ahead into the future and actually putting into consideration how the trash will affect our planet, and our people. To recycle is to try to reuse your unwanted items by taking them to a recycling plant. It's about caring about the environment you live in. You can do small things, like saving your coke bottles and recycling them to make a difference. Small things like this DO matter. Sure, if it is just you who decides to throw your trash out of the window of the car your are driving okay, but there is bound to be other people who share that opinion,

so many wrappers will clutter the freeway. It is that kind of thinking that caused pollution. Small thing DO matter.

This is what recycling means to me. The representation, the idea, this is what I think. Your point of view may not exactly agree with mine, as long as your actions help our environment. Actions speak louder than words, in some cases. This is one of those cases.